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SUBJ: JAPANESE PETROLEUM SHORTAGES

SUMMARY: A NUMBER OF VARYING STATISTICS HAVE APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS RE EXTENT OF OIL CUTBACKS IN JAPAN. FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES OF MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI), WHICH, WHILE BY NO MEANS THE LAST WORD, APPEAR TO BE BEST ESTIMATES AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE MITI FIGURES ON OIL CUTBACKS TO JAPAN (AS OF NOVEMBER 13); COLUMN 1 IS COMPANY NAME; COLUMN 2 IS MARKET SHARE (SECOND HALF JFY 1973 PROJECTED); COLUMN 3 IS ANNOUNCED OR FORECAST CUTBACK OF DELIVERIES (AT PRODUCING COUNTRY PORT) AS PERCENTAGE OF NORMALLY EXPECTED DELIVERIES IN OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 30 PERIOD; AND COLUMN 4 IS REDUCTION AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL JAPANESE CONSUMPTION.

CALTEX	16.9	20	3.4
EXXON	13.3	20	2.7
SHELL	12.1	17	2.1
GULF	9.1	34.7	3.2
MOBIL	8.8	15	1.3
B.P.	6.7	20	1.3
AOC	5.1	25	1.3

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CFP 3.1 20 0.6

GETTY	2.6	10	0.3	
INDEPENDENTS	4.2	20	0.8	
OTHER (USSR, PRC, ETC.)	5.3	0	-	
OTHERS	12.8	20	2.7	
	100.0	---	19.7	

2. INFORMATION FROM LOCAL EXXON SOURCES INDICATES MITI
FIGURE FOR THAT COMPANY'S CUT-BACK MAY BE ON HIGH SIDE.
HOWEVER, SHELL FIGURE APPEARS TO BE TOO LOW.

3. ABOVE FIGURES WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE ALERTED IF ARABS
INCREASE LEVEL OF CUTBACK ON DECEMBER 1.
PLEASE NOT ABOVE FIGURES APPLY TO TOTAL AMOUNTS OF OIL
SUPPLIED BY THESE FIRMS, NOT JUST PORTION SUPPLIED FROM
OAPEC SOURCES. THUS JAPAN, ACCORDING THESE FIGURES, WILL
LOSE 19.7 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES.
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